GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:358
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005
RAIL LINK WITH MYNMAR
Kaswan Shri Ram Singh;Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government held talks with Mynmar for establishing rail link;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken in the matter;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be established; and

(e) the amount likely to be spent on the said rail link?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.358 B Y SHRI HARIBHAU RATHOD AND SHRI RAM SINGH KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2005 REGARDING RAIL LINK WITH MYNMAR

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Establishment of Indo-Mynmar Rail Link is a Ministry of External Affairs initiative under the aegis of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation. Discussions were held on providing Indian Mynmar Rail Link during a Foreign Office Consultation with Mynmar in New Delhi in October 2005.

At the instance of Ministry of External Affairs, RITES Ltd. had conducted a Feasibility Study which suggested the following alignments:

In India:
(i) Construction of new rail link between Jiribam-Imphal- Moreh at a cost of Rs. 2941.08 Cr.

In Mynmar:
(ii) Construction of a new rail link between Tamu (Moreh)- Kalay-Segyi at a cost of Rs. 1339.02 Cr. and rehabilitation of existing line from Segyi-Chaungu Myohaung at a cost of Rs. 283.95 Cr.

It has been felt that construction/rehabilitation of the railway line in Mynmar for the India-Mynmar Railway link should proceed in tandem with work on the Indian side. No timeframe for completion of the link can be established at present.